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To authorize testimony and legal representation in United States v. Edward Bloomer, Frank Cordaro, Elton Davis, Chester Guinn, and Renee Espeland.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

June 9, 2009

Mr. Reid (for himself and Mr. McConnell) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, in the cases of United States v. Edward Bloomer (CVB# H5049055), Frank Cordaro (CVB# H5049056), Elton Davis (CVB# H5049058), Chester Guinn (CVB# H5049093), and Renee Espeland (CVB# H5049095), pending in Federal district court in the Southern District of Iowa, the prosecution has sought testimony from Dianne Liepa, a former employee of Senator Tom Harkin;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. 288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent former employees of the Senate with respect to

any subpoena, order, or request for testimony relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate; and

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 Resolved, That Dianne Liepa is authorized to testify
- 2 in the cases of United States v. Edward Bloomer, Frank
- 3 J. Cordaro, Elton Davis, Chester Guinn, and Renee
- 4 Espeland, except concerning matters for which a privilege
- 5 should be asserted.
- 6 Sec. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to
- 7 represent Dianne Liepa, and any other employee from
- 8 whom evidence may be sought, in connection with the tes-
- 9 timony authorized in section one of this resolution.

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